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MOBILING VIA 2-METER BY W9CTI .

In the past year, this reporter has had the chance of mobiling coast-to-coast. Perhaps the readers would be interested in some of the observations. 34/94 repeaters seem to be most popular in the West but apparently none in North Dakota and Montana but 94 is monitored. 76 simplex is being used in Seattle as in other areas but not having a crystal, did not make contact there except 94. 52 crystals were installed before leaving for Seattle and L.A. but not a single contact was made until I reached Milwaukee. In contrast 52 simplex was very active in the East.

A few interesting contacts were made on the West Coast junket. From a lunch stop near Portland, Ore. a "QRZ Milwaukie" brought an answer from Beaverton (home of Tektronics) saying a fellow usually comes on at noon from Milwaukie. He did come on and we exchanged remarks about our respective cities. (note: Milwaukie, Ore. is spelt correctly) At Redding Cal., I had just finished with a local while standing at our motel when a Red Bluff station 25 miles away called and said I was louder than the local— it made me feel good. Going across San Francisco Bay, a Zip Code Contest was in progress so I gave a station mine altho he didn't think it would count! In L.A. had a leisurely contact on 25/85 with a QCWA member and surprisingly no breakers for almost a half-hour, also the one with a fellow on the San Diego Freeway who said we were going faster than he, as he was only going 20 MPH. I forgot to mention that all this was in several cars as the rig was transferred via a gutter clamp. We delivered a car from Seattle to Palo Alto and found that it was about five miles from Redwood City. We couldn't pass up Erv W6YPM who showed us his collection of antique radios. I "saw" him last over WSBN when he was on vacation in Wisconsin. We flew back from L.A. on the 747 midnite standby flight.

On our next trip, we left for Rochester,N.Y. just before Christmas via Grand Rapids and made a number of contacts from the motel room. The portable antenna was a modified J-pole design from the West Allis "Hamtrix" and this time I had an AC supply. At Rochester I renewed acquaintances with some of the RaRa gang at their monthly meeting and their weekly Saturday gathering, similar to our CQ3TUE. With the VHF SS Contest coming up, I needed more coax in order to put my J-pole higher above ground. One of the fellows Eddie W2ECH gave me a piece which I spliced and he will be pleased to know I added 1485 points to Ra Ra's total. I worked as W9CTI/2 under Rochester VHF Club which usually is one of the top contenders. An interesting sidelightof the contest is running into a 67 operation. I would periodically call on 67 as it was the only other simplex frequency I had besides 95 and 52. Late in the contest I called on 67 and WB2WZG answered back very much surprised and had a FBQSO in the middle of the contest. It happens that WB2WZG has a private repeater and only about 10 cronies have crystals. He wanted to know all about 67 operation in Milwaukee because they had supposedly picked an unoccupied repeater frequency. So when you travel on N.Y. Thruway past Rochester, give 07/67 a buzz, especially in the evening as Gary is a college student.

After several weeks we headed for Lexington Mass. and found almost continuous repeaters. The Eastern part of the country is apparently lousy with repeaters. One fellow told me that there were 39 repeaters within range of Lexington. For maximum operation, a syntesizer is needed. As mentioned before, 52 was very active but probably because there is a repeater on 34/94.

One of the most enjoyable contacts was with WA9QDI on the Ohio Turnpike. We had seen his car as we left a plaza and he came back to my "QRZ 94" after we got under way. As he was about 2 miles away we had a plesant QSO for over 50 miles with a brief eyeball stop at a plaza. As Mike was a transmitter engineer and installer with TV backround, we had much in common. As it is always nice to get home, it was doubly nice to be first greeted thru the local repeater by the sweet voice of Dorothy K9BBL saying "Welcome home, Chet !"

MRAC MEETING REPORT

The February meeting was a very interesting seminar on repeaters moderated by the Dean of Repeaters WA9VAT. The panel consisted of repeater representatives K9HXA, K9CAN, W9KHO, WA9POV and W9ATK. The following repeaters were discussed:

WR9ABK	04/82 & 6 mtrs	SEWFAR	Dues $10
WR9ABM	31/91	Milw. Rpt. Club	Dues $10
WR9ABS	25/85	Milw. Rpt. Rpt. Soc.	Dues $5
WR9AAE	37/97	Ozaukee Co. Rep. Club	Dues $10
K9HXA	10/70	proposed RTTY 170 shift now testing.	

JOIN A REPEATER GROUP!! IF YOU USE IT, SUPPORT IT!!

QCWA WISCONSIN CHAPTER

December saw many of our group hospitalized. W9DVD and W9RKP went thru surgery but now doing fine. W9BG entered the hospital for a routine check - up. XYLs of W9CM, W9VQD and W9PD were reported in the hospital. In Feb. WB9BOT's XYL slipped on the ice and broke her shoulder and will be in a cast for 8 weeks.

The Sunday 9:00A.M. net turn out continues to be well attended. Net controllers thru June are the following: (If you cannot make your schedule, trade with someone else, not necessarily on this list.)

Feb	24—W9EWC	Apr	14—W9CTI	June	2—W9NJH
Mar	33—W9NJH	"	21—W9ESJ	"	9—W9SQJ
"	10—W9DVD	"	28—W9AQZ	"	16—W9CUA
"	17—W9YFW	May	5—W9NJH	"	23—W9FTY
"	24—W9EJD	"	12—W9GAS	"	30 -W9FY
"	31—W9OUT	"	19—W9WZS		
Apr	7—W9NJH	"	26—W9GPV		
"					

New members :

W9GA	Irvin A. Weinman (W9HMO)	XYL Miriam	
4718	No. 80th St.	Milwaukee	53218
W9LO	Robert G. Truscott (W9NYJ)	XYL Jean	
10262	N. Greenview Dr.	Mequon	53092
W9GIT	Roy W. Bushland (9DCX)	XYL Florence	
1035	Warren	Chippewa Falls	54729
W9FTY	Gildea Hutchinson	XYL Ruth	
11335	Linnwood La. 16W.	Mequon	53092
W9BQM	Henry I. Palmer	XYL Nellie	
2317	S. Main Street Rt. 2	Fond du Lac	54925
WB9MLK	Harold L. Finch (W9RBG)	XYL Ruth	
9995	W. North Ave.Apt. 357	Wauwatosa	53226
W9FPA	William J. Haase		
1101	Downing Dr.	Waukesha	53186
W9NVJ	Christ Bauer		
2607	So. 14th St.	Sheboygan	53081
W9AXQ	Fred Hebal	XYL Ardyce	
1016	Ridge Rd.	Stevens Pt.	54481
W9FJE	Allois F. Geiersbach	XYL Leila	
3726	So. 89th St.	Milwaukee	53228
W9SNK	H. Charles Kaetel	XYL Louise	
N50 W16328	Pin Oak Ct.	Menomonee Falls	53051

Keep Saturday, June 1st open for the Spring Dinner-meeting scheduled for the Sarras Supper Club in Oshkosh on Highway 45. More details in the next issue. W9CTI Sec.

AREC AND EMERGENCY

WA9POV, the new EC for Milwaukee County, has taken reign and appeals for more attendance to AREC meetings (1st Tues. of the Month) and other operations. W9IJT the Red Cross station is now fully operational 80 thru 10 meters with 2Kw PEP and a Tribander beam. The station is available to anyone interested in operating it on a regular basis including net controllers for Monday night 2 meter net. Contact Lynn WA9KRF. The Milwaukee Wheelmen showed for their appreciation for communications help, by a donation to AREC and an invitation to their beer-bust at the Pabst Blue Ribbon Hall

(WB9BWP)

CQ de CQ3TUE

The first year of CQ3TUE has been a big sucess . This no officer, no organization, rag-chewing, smorgasborder group has had an average attendance of 27 and a high of 45. Just a reminder, it is four blocks from A.E.S and across the street from Heathkit. Out-of- towners especially are cordially invited to plan their Milwaukee visit on the Third Tuesday at the Svedenhouse Smorgasbord Restaurant, 5228 W. Fondulac.

OLD TIMERS' NIGHT

The annual Old Timers' night was enjoyed by those that were present, the inclement weather reducing the usual attendance. W9IZO showed his big game hunt pictures. A little excitement was generated during the departure when the fire department pulled up to the door. It was rumored that W9VQD wrote a hot check. Because of doubtful weather at the traditional O.T.'s nite, it was proposed at the last meeting to change the date to November. What is your opinion? Check "Ballot" and mail to:

Jack McLeland, W9ATK Pres.
Milwaukee Amateur Radios Club
104 W. Clovernook Lane
Milwaukee, Wis. 53217 OR any Board Member

I prefer Old Timers' Night earlier in the season--possibly in November. _____

I Prefer Old Timers' Night to remain the same traditional time in January._____

Signed _____

Roster Corrections by W9DVD

Page	Correction
2	K4HOY should read K4HQY
3	Insert WB9FUH - Chas. Mitrowke
4	Insert WN9JSD - Lawrence J. Keyes
6	Change W9UH to K4PG
7	Insert Chairman of the Board: Richard Oberholtzer - W9ZPV
9	Change - Brossman, Wm. F. W9EQP 4545 Meadow View -W (instead of N) Brookfield, Wis 53005
9	Change Florence Belanger W9MDG to W9WYJ
15	Change L - Irving, E.J. W9GQO Addr and all to: L- Irving, E.J. W7JSP LO571 Edgewood Drive Sun City, Ariz. 85351
15	Insert Keyes, Lawrence J. WN9JSD RFD Waldo, Wisconsin 53093
16	Change telephone number only Krones, Aldrich C. W9CM Instead of 774-1979 it should read 744-1979
16	Change Lewis, Lynn P. W9UH should be K4PG
17	Change Meyer, Charles O. K4HOY should read K4HQY
17	Insert Mitrowke, Chas. WB9FUH 2962 North 41st Street Milwaukee, Wis. 53210
21	Third name should indicate Life Membership: L - Ruger, George A. W9DVD

CONSTRUCTION AND ACTIVITIES

W9KYZ reports 20 meter QRP rig in Nov. Ham Radio Magazine wokks very FB—West Allis Hamtrix

A new H.F. Linear is under construction by K9CAN. He's going back to DX and Contest activities, gl Dick.

W9GIT checks into the QCWA net with a Ten Tec 5 watter. He has a FB S9 signal into Milwaukee

WA9POV sez, "450- - try it you'll like it!" and reports stations on the band besides the repeATER

On the recount of Field Day scores, West Allis advanced three places on the list placing them two places above you know who! Sorry Ozaukee! See page 83 Jan. QST

SUNSHINE

W9CRC is still at Doctors Hospital Nursing Home at 27th and Wells. Bernie is occasionally on 75 fone with TR4. Stop in and see an old timer! (W9IZO)

W9RKP is recovering from a leg operation and is getting around with one crutch. Nothing stopped him from directing and attending the MRAC Valentine Party.

W9CUJ is settled in Friendship Village and is sometimes on with 2-meters

W9WVL has been feeling pretty good since being in the hospital in December. His rig is back from the hospital (factory) and George would welcome a landline because he stays pretty close to home. He makes it to CQ3TUE once in a while.

TRI COUNTY SWAPFEST

The spring swapfest in the Armory at Whitewater will be held Sunday March 17th. The grand prize will be a $250 gift certificate with three other $50 certificates all by Heathkit. Many other prizes including advance ticket prizes. Advance ticket $1, write Dan Servais WA9AJW, Box 309AA, Elkhorn, Wis., 53121. Reserved table $1 in advance to Glenn Eisenbrandt WA9VYL, 711 East St. Ft. Atkinson, Wis., 53538.

General Interest Net on 146.46 invites checkins between 4:30 and 5:30, reports NCS WB9JTZ.

HAMATEUR CHATTER DONATIONS DURING 1973

Life member donors are: W9CAS, W9KLK, W9VLK, W9MOD, W9DVD, W9SQL, W9MDG, W9WYJ, W9IZO, W9SNK, W9NY, W9WQD, W9GSP, Don Seibel and Charley Polacheck.

Non-member donors are: W9JR, K9FPX, W9ECL, W9[illegible]X, WB9FZO, W9EO, W9ESJ, WA9KKW, W9NJH, So. Milw. [illegible] and QCWA. We appreciate the financial support.

CHATTER

Mike Weinman, WN9MPU, son of W9GA, won a top national award in the Eastman Kodak Young Movie Makers Competition, congrats!

Problems with powerline noise: try to locate pole, transformer, etc. with beam antenna bearing and snoop with portable radio. Log all info as to time of interference, damp days, windy, etc. and call Wisconsin Electric Power at 273 1234 ex-41218. Cooperation is excellent but have patience.

W9KYZ in W.A.R.C. Hamtrix

Those reported going for a Florida vacation are W9YYW and WA9JOV with their respective wives Helen and Kathleen. FLASH! Ray and Kate changed their mind.

W9SNK sent in a news clipping that is being belatedly reported,

Elsie and George's Tap(WX9BAR our second meeting place was reported robbed last summer at 1A.M. in the morning. No sweat, by that time all the hams would have been gone!

WEST ALLIS RADIO CLUB reports that the Mid-Winter Swapfest was a huge success with about 700 tickets sold. The more spacious building in Waukesha contributed to the success. The food sale could be indicative as they were sold out by 2:00 oclock. "A real good job" someone commented. Next year look for a bigger and better one. Those who missed the Christmas Party missed a fun time. WA9IIS is relocating to Ohio around April.

OZAUKEE RADIO CLUB had a FB tour thru the Pt. Washington power plant. A pert YL in blue was the tour guide. The regular meetings will be held on the second Wednesdays at the Notre Dame College on Highland Rd in Mequon. A permanent meeting place is being investigated. The meetings have been featured with short business and long technical and ragchewing sessions. SSTV was demonstrated in a recent meeting night, The Post - Christmas Post New Years, Pre - Valentines dinner was the usual jolly sucess.

YELLOW THUNDER HAMFEST is announced for Saturday May 18 at Lake Delton. A full program is planned with MARS, ARPSC, Repeaters, Ladies Activities, Transmitter Hunt etc. At the evening banquet, entertainment will be a HAM BAND.

SO. MILWAUKEE RADIO CLUB will hold an auction March 12th at the American Legion Post Hall on Shepard Ave., North of Highway 100 in Oak Creek. Bring your money, junk and goodies.

MSOE AMATEUR STATION W9HHX reports daily into the following nets:

Intercontinental Net	14.313	8 to 10AM
Coast Guard Net	14.313	11AM
Missionary Net	14.280	1PM
Maritime Mobile Net	14.313	3PM

Activity by other stations in the Milwaukee area is welcome to the nets because there is always some traffic.

SILENT KEYS

At press time, it is reported that Life Member Raymond Thompson, W9IRZ became a Silent Key.

On February 24th, Mrs. Elsie Jorgensen suffered a fatal stroke while shovelling snow. She will be remembered as the widow of the active old timer Al Jorgensen W9GKE who passed away over 20 years ago. She continued to operate Jorgensen's TV, retiring five years ago.

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